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KUWAIT PASS BAGHDAD

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TAGS: PFOR, QA, BA

SUBJ: QATARI FOREIGN MINISTER ASSERTS GOQ'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER  
HWR ISLAND

REF: DOHA 0378, DOHA 0384, DOHA 0401

1. APRIL 12 EDITION OF QATARI DAILY "ALY RAB" PUBLISHED INTERVIEW

GIVEN TO EDITOR BY QATARI FONMIN SHAYKH SUHAYM BIN HAMAD AL THANI.  
FOLLOWING UP ON SUHAYM'S STATEMENT THAT GOQ'S RELATIONS WITH  
NEIGHBORING GULF STATES WERE "STRONG AND POSITIVE", INTERVIEWER  
NOTED "RUMORS" THAT SAUD AND QATAR WERE NOT RPT NOT ON BEST  
OF TERMS. IN THIS CONNECTION, INTERVIEWER MENTIONED RECENT  
STATEMENT BY GOB FONMIN THAT THERE NO DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
TWO COUNTRIES ABOUT HWR ISLAND.

2. SUHAYM RESPONDED THAT THERE WAS INDEED DISAGREEMENT ABOUT  
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HWR AND THAT SHAYKH MUHAMMAD BIN MUBARAK KNEW THIS VERY WELL.

SUHAYM CONTINUED THAT POINT OF DISAGREEMENT IS THAT GOB DOES NOT RECOGNIZE QATARI SOVEREIGNTY OVER HWAR. "THE ISLAND IS PART OF OUR LAND," SAID SUHAYM. HE CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING HOPE THAT BECAUSE OF "STRONG AND DEEP" QATARI-BAHRAINI RELATIONS, TWO COUNTRIES COULD REACH A SETTLEMENT.

3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS GOQ FELT NEED TO COUNTER PUBLICLY SHAYKH MUHAMMAD BIN MUBARAK'S REPORTED ASSERTION THAT ALL IS WELL ABOUT HWAR.  
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